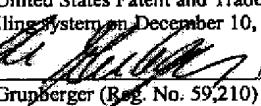


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2007 (the three-month response date for which is December 11, 2007), please consider the above-identified application based on the following.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include five (5) Replacement sheets of drawings.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.